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SUBJ: MRS. GANDHI ON THREAT FROM THE SEA

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA WIRE SERVICE MAY 29 CARRIES FOLLOWING REPORT ON BLITZ EDITOR KARANJIA'S INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GANDHI. WILL SEND FULL TEXT OF EXCERPT ON U.S. WHEN AVAILABLE. "MRS. GANDHI SAID AN IMPORTANT POINT TO NOTE WAS THAT WHATEVER LITTLE SUCCESS THAT COULD BE CLAIMED HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE FACE OF NATURAL CALAMITIES LIKE DROUGHT AS WELL AS GROWING DANGERS TO THE NATION FROM OUTSIDE, WHICH MADE INCREASING EXPENDITURE ON DEFENSE AND SECURITY IMPERATIVE. 'EVERY TIME I SAY SOMETHING ABOUT DANGERS TO THE NATION THERE ARE LOUD COMPLAINTS THAT I AM TRYING TO CRY WOLF.' ANSWERING A QUESTION ON HER AND HER COLLEAGUES REFERENCES TO 'THREAT FROM THE SEAS,' MRS. GANDHI SAID, 'DON'T YOU SEE THAT IF THERE IS A WAR IN THE FUTURE IT WILL NOT ONLY BE A LAND WAR BUT ALSO A SEA WAR? THIS WAS WHAT I MEANT. THIS MAKES EVEN THOSE OF OUR STATES WHICH DO NOT HAVE DIRECT LAND FRONTIERS WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY ALSO VULNERABLE.' "

2. COMMENT: MRS. GANDHI'S ASSOCIATION OF A FUTURE LAND WAR WITH THE 'THREAT FROM THE SEA' NOW EDGES HER MUCH CLOSER TO IDENTIFY-
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